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❖ *Roxbury Community College to Receive $20.7 Million in Bond Funds*

Roxbury Community College will be able to move ahead with major renovation and modernization projects after receiving $20.7 million in bond funds from the Massachusetts Department of Capital Asset Management (DCAM). Roxbury Community College administrators announced earlier this month that the funds will be used in part to renovate space in existing buildings that will house the Life Sciences Institute. The proposed Institute will allow for further expansion of the College's life sciences curriculum, including partnerships with hospitals and biotech companies.

FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

❖ *Ruth Hines Recognized for her Commitment*

Ruth Hines, Coordinator for Student Health Services, was recognized last month by the Women of Color Roundtable "for her many years of commitment to HIV/AIDS awareness for Roxbury Community College students and for residents of surrounding communities." Ruth was honored at the 7th Annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day held at Hibernian Hall in Roxbury where she was also presented with a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

❖ *Professor Nikolaus Sucher is Co- Editor and Contributor of New Book*

Nikolaus Sucher, Adjunct Professor in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Division is co-editor and contributor of three chapters to a new book published by Humana Press. The book is titled Plant DNA Fingerprinting and Barcoding Methods and Protocols. Professor Sucher is joined by co-editors Professor James R. Hennell, of the University of Western Sydney, Penrith, NSW, Australia and Professor Maria C. Carles of Northern Essex Community College in Massachusetts. In a preface to the book, the editors write: "We have tailored this volume principally for those who seek to augment their current methods of plant analysis and quality control using genome-based approaches. We aim to bring together the different currently available genome-based techniques into one repository."

❖ *Phuong Tang Honored*

Phuong Tang, who is employed as a Graphic Designer in RCC's Marketing Department, received the 2012 Daryral Penn Award. Named in memory of a longtime RCC employee, the award is presented to an employee of the College who has demonstrated service, excellence, and dedication. Other employees recognized for long-term service included those with 10-14 years of service, 15-19 years, 20-24 years, and 25 plus years.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

❖ *STEM Student's Poster Wins First Place*

Schaneque Barrows, a Biotechnology student at RCC, has won first place for the 2012 Ruth and William Silan MD award. Schaneque presented a poster at the New England Science Symposium sponsored by Harvard Medical School.

❖ *Student Wins Math Scholarship*

RCC student, Leslie Moses, has won a $100 scholarship for her participation in the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) Student Math League. The New England branch of AMATYC offers one $100 scholarship to the student at each New England community college who participates in both the fall and spring exam and gets the highest combined score. This is the first year a RCC student has participated.

❖ *Three RCC Student-Athletics Named All Americans*

The National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association named three RCC student-athletics to the NJCAA All-American Teams. Tyler Kimball and Siara Lowry were named to the women's basketball team, and Paul Becklen was named to the men's team.

❖ *Registration for Summer Classes in Process*

Students may now register for summer 2012 classes at RCC. Summer Session I, 5-week and 10-week classes begin on May 29th. Summer Session II, 5-week classes begin on July 7th.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF THE 37TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Spirit of Boston Cruise

Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m., Seaport Boston Harbor

Evening of Excellence

Wednesday, May 16th, 6:00 p.m., Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

Nursing Pinning

Thursday, May 17th, 6:00 p.m., Media Arts Building Mainstage

Graduation

Friday, May 18th, 1;00 P.M., Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center